**Palfrey Church**

**Notes on the services 2nd to 30th January 2022**

**Sunday 2nd January** Sunday before Theophany,

St Sylvester Pope of Rome, St Seraphim of Sarov

**Liturgy**

**Apolytikia** **Resurrection** Tone 3

**Let everything in Heaven rejoice, let everything on earth be glad,**

**For the Lord has shown strength with his arm,**

**By death he has trampled on death,**

**He has become the first-born from the dead,**

**From the belly of Hell he has delivered us,**

**And granted the world his great mercy.**

**Forefeast** Tone 4 (Joseph was amazed)

**Zabulon, prepare, make ready, Nephthalim,**

**Jordan river, hold your course and exultantly receive**

**The Master who comes to be baptised.**

**Adam, leap for joy, with Eve our mother;**

**No longer hide yourselves as once you did in Paradise**

**For having seen you naked he has appeared,**

**To clothe you in your former garments.**

**Christ has appeared, wishing to renew the whole creation.**

**Church** Tone 4

**Your nativity, O Mother of God,**

**Has made known joy to the whole inhabited world,**

**For from you there dawned the Sun of righteousness, Christ our God.**

**He abolished the curse and gave the blessing;**

**And by making death of no effect, he bestowed on us eternal life.**

**Kontakion Forefeast** Tone 4

**Today the Lord has come to the streams of Jordan,**

**And cries aloud to John:**

**Do not be afraid to baptise me;**

**For I have come to save Adam,**

**The first-formed man.**

**Thursday 6th January Great Feast of Theophany (**until 14th January)

**Liturgy**

Antiphons and Little Entrance are special to the Feast

**Apolytikion Feast** Tone 1

**As you were baptised in the Jordan, Lord,**

**The worship of the Trinity was made manifest.**

**For the voice of the Father bore witness to you,**

**Naming you the beloved Son;**

**And the Spirit in the form of a dove**

**Confirmed the sureness of the Word.**

**Christ God, who appeared and enlightened the world,**

**Glory to you.**

**Kontakion Feast** Tone 4 (model melody)

**Today you have appeared to the inhabited world,**

**And your light, O Lord, has been signed upon us,**

**Who with knowledge sing your praise:**

**You have come, you have appeared,**

**The unapproachable light.**

Instead of Holy God, we sing **All you who have been baptised**

Hymns instead of It is truly right, and Communion hymn, are special to the feast.

**Sunday 9th January** Sunday after the Feast**,** Afterfeast

**Liturgy**

Antiphons are of the Feast

**Apolytikia Resurrection** Tone 4

**When the women Disciples of the Lord**

**Had learnt from the angel the joyful message of the Resurrection,**

**Casting away the ancestral condemnation,**

**Triumphantly they said to the Apostles:**

**Death has been despoiled, Christ God has been raised,**

**Granting the world his great mercy.**

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**Sunday 16th January** The Chains of the Apostle Peter

**Liturgy**

**Apolytikia Resurrection** Tone 5

**Let us believers praise and let us worship the Word,**

**Who like the Father and the Spirit is without beginning,**

**Born from a Virgin for our salvation;**

**For he was well pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh**

**And undergo death,**

**And to raise those who had died,**

**By his glorious Resurrection.**

**The Saint** Tone 4

**Without leaving Rome you came to us**

**Through the precious chains that you wore,**

**O Chief of the Apostles.**

**As we venerate them in faith, we pray to you:**

**Through your intercessions with God, grant us the great mercy.**

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**Kontakion Feast of the Meeting** (February 2nd) Tone 1

**You sanctified a virgin womb by your birth,**

**And fittingly blessed Simeon’s hands;**

**You have come now too**

**And saved us, O Christ God.**

**But give peace to your commonwealth in times of war,**

**And strengthen its rulers, whose friend you are,**

**For you alone love mankind.**

**Sunday 23rd January**

**Liturgy**

**Apolitikia Resurrection** Tone 6

**Angelic Powers were at your grave,**

**And those who guarded it became as dead,**

**And Mary stood by the tomb,**

**Seeking your most pure body.**

**You despoiled Hell and emerged unscathed;**

**You met the Virgin and granted life.**

**Lord, risen from the dead, glory to you!**

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**Sunday 30th January** The Three Hierarchs:

St Basil the Great, St Gregory the Theologian, St John Chrysostom

**Liturgy**

**Apolytikia Resurrection** Tone 7

**You abolished death by your Cross,**

**You opened Paradise to the thief,**

**You transformed the Myrrhbearers’ lament,**

**And ordered your Apostles to proclaim**

**That you had risen, O Christ God,**

**Granting the world your great mercy.**

**The Hierarchs** Tone 1

**The three great stars of the three-sunned Godhead,**

**Who set the world on fire with the ray of their divine doctrine,**

**The rivers flowing with the honey of wisdom,**

**Who watered all creation with the springs of the knowledge of God:**

**Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian, and the illustrious John of the golden speech –**

**Let all who love their words come together and honour them in hymns,**

**For they intercede for us with the Trinity.**

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